

7th September 2008
The Secretary
The Senate Standing Committee on Environment,
Communications and the Arts
By EMAIL TO eca.sen@aph.gov.au

**MY SUBMISSION ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK & OTHER
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008.**

**I would like to raise concerns over the proposed increased powers of
GBRMPA contained in this amendment;**

**In particular the change to the definition of “fishing” in which technically anyone
can be found guilty for even having a fishing device onboard!**

have any fishing equipment on board when traversing “closed areas”
have any fishing equipment on board when anchored in any “closed area”.

This is a ridiculous situation that can only lead to misuse and confusion.

**The other concern is the change from “Scientific Fact” to a “Precautionary
Principle” which will lead again to misuse and wrongful implementation of poor
regulations such as has happened in recent history (i.e. Green Zones)**

**I feel strongly enough to object to these changes and sincerely hope you rule
against them.**

Yours Faithfully

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